



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Health Office & Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

Weekly Update 11 ~ November 22, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- WE . NOV 23 – FR . NOV 25** School Not in Session - Thanksgiving Break
- SU . NOV 27** 1st Sunday of Advent
Advent Family Event following 10:00 AM Mass (<https://www.stchb.org/>)
- MO . NOV 28** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
Trimester 2 begins
- TU . NOV 29** Picture Retake Day
5th-8th grades Sacrament of Reconciliation
- WE . NOV 30** 3rd-4th grades Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 PM MS Ignite Youth Group (youth room)
- TH . DEC 01** **NPH Sponsorship Day** - for \$1 or more, students may wear Spirit Wear or orange
2:40 PM 4th-8th grade After School Youth Group (youth room)
- FR . DEC 01** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
Report cards will be sent home

Looking ahead

- TU . Dec 13** 6:30 PM K-4th Advent Service Program
- TH . DEC 15** Middle School Band & Choir Concert
- MO . DEC 19** Christmas Break begins - school not in session
- TU . JAN 03** School Resumes

Dear St. Charles Families,

I have a few really important things to communicate with you today. One important announcement is that we won't be in session on January 2nd, which is when New Year's Day is observed this year. We originally had this scheduled as our day to return from Christmas break, but after consulting with some other schools and consideration, our students will not be in session that day. Our calendar has been updated, and we will resume school on January 3rd.

The level of illness has been high in schools in our area this year. We have been pretty fortunate so far, but in the last couple of weeks, our luck has run out. We've had students out ill in the range of 30-55 students a day. Faculty has been hit to the point of me teaching classes! I have an administrator's license, but my teaching license has expired, and the kids seem to be able to tell. ;-)

I mention the increase in illness to underscore the need to practice wellness, to keep our kids home when they are not well, and to do our part to curb the level of illness in the building. This wave of sickness was bound to happen, and it will continue. Our collective efforts won't stop it completely, but they will help to keep more kids in chairs and more teachers in front of the classroom. Please practice prudence!

This wave of absences right at the end of the trimester makes things difficult to finalize grades. In some cases, a teacher may communicate with parents about a report card being delayed or a student may receive an "Incomplete" represented by the letter, "I."

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

School Pictures Arrived Just After the Students Left the Building

We will be sending school pictures home on Monday, so you will have time to look at them and decide if they need a retake on Tuesday, November 29th. If you decide a retake picture is needed, simply return your original package on Retake Day. If you have not ordered pictures for your student, you may order them at <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/> with code: EVTQV8QCV

4th-8th Grade Basketball Players and Families

Please continue to check the school athletics calendar for the most recent updates to basketball games and practice schedules. <https://www.stchbschool.org/activities/athletic-calendar>

2nd & 3rd Graders Invited to Play Intramural Basketball

All 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to participate in the intramural basketball program that **starts in January**. Please see the attached description and registration information. **Registrations are due December 2, 2022.**

Home & School

Christmas Staff Appreciation

Wondering what gifts to give to our teachers & staff this Christmas? Take a look at the attached letter from the Home & School president to see an easy way to contribute to a gift for all!

AmazonSmiles

Time to start shopping or get those last minute gifts! Make sure to login into AmazonSmiles and pick St. Charles of Borromeo as your charity to get a percentage of their profits back to us!!

Home & School Wants You!!

Check out the latest volunteer opportunities: [Sign Up Genius](#)

Concession Stand Volunteers Needed for Basketball Season!

Home games begin November 28. Please consider signing up for a volunteer shift at the concession stand. It is a great opportunity to meet other St. Charles students and families. Concessions is always popular at games and a great fundraiser for the Home and School Council, but we cannot do it without your help. If you are new to concessions and would like a quick in person training, please contact concessions coordinator Kirsten Kavanaugh, kkavan@comcast.net.

****REMINDER****7th and 8th grade students get service hours for volunteering with an adult.

Spirit Wear

Online Spirit Wear shop hosted by [Schoolbelles](#).

T-shirts may be purchased at the front office for \$13 each.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Urdahl at urdahl.mary@gmail.com or Kari Domeyer at karidomeyer@gmail.com.

The Meal Train Ministry

Would you like to help provide meals for a person or family in their time of need?

OR do you or someone you know have a short-term need (due to a birth, surgery, illness, etc.) for meals to be delivered to your home? Contact Beth at 612-384-2384 or email elizabethpollard@comcast.net.

Parish Corner

Youth Ministry Newsletter and all youth ministry materials: www.stchb.org/youth

After School Youth Group

All 4-8th grade students are invited to join us on Thursdays for after school youth group from 2:40-4:00 PM! Contact Katie at kwalker@stchb.org with any questions! Upcoming dates: December 1, 8, & 15

Ignite

All 4-8th grade students are invited to attend Ignite on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 PM in the youth room. This is a great opportunity for fun, fellowship, formation, and snacks! Please reach out to Katie with any questions at kwalker@stchb.org!

Ablaze

8th grade students are also invited to attend Ablaze on Wednesdays from 7:30-9 PM in the youth room! This is our high school youth group, and the 8th graders may attend this instead of Ignite if they would prefer! Please reach out to Katie at kwalker@stchb.org with questions!

Women's Advent Retreat ~ December 3

Mark your calendar for December 3 from 8:00-11:30 AM in Doran Hall. Ann Virnig of the Avila Institute will be speaking on prayer and its obstacles. All details in this [flyer](#). Register for this free event online at [Advent Retreat](#).

Check the links below the Prayer Corner for more information

Prayer Corner

If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at dkieffer@stchbs.org

- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Peter, son of staff member Sharon Rice, and for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For Ruby S, teenage cousin to student Kinley, as Ruby battles her 3rd round of cancer in 2 years.
- ❖ For St. Charles student Jasper and his family as they navigate some new health challenges.
- ❖ For healing for Blanca, grandmother to student Camila.
- ❖ For a complete recovery for staff member Cindy Brown-Kasel.
- ❖ For successful cancer treatment for Jody, grandmother to students Torin and Brody, and mother to staff member Dayton Goodmanson.
- ❖ For healing of cancer for Bobbie, great aunt to students Lilly and Leo, and aunt to staff member Sharon McHale.
- ❖ For healing from cancer treatment complications for Dana Huggar's mother.
- ❖ For Leanna, grandmother to students Braden ('21), Brett, Hailey, Elena, Tom, Joe, Peter, Grace, and Ava, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ For the health of all our students, families, and staff.
- ❖ For peace in our families and in our communities.

Additional Links

St. Charles School Website ~ www.stchbschool.org
St. Charles Google Calendar ~ [St. Charles Calendar Link](#)
St. Charles Lunch Calendar ~ [St. Charles Lunch Calendar Link](#)
St Charles Wellness Policy ~ [School-Wellness-Policy](#)
St. Charles Google Athletic Calendar ~ [St. Charles Athletic Calendar Link](#)
St Charles Volunteers ~ [Sign Up Genius](#)
Concession Stand Sign-up ~ [concession stand sign-up](#)
St Charles Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>
St. Charles Borromeo: [St Charles Church](#)

Beyond St Charles

T-G Youth Wrestling Youth Club ~ [Flier](#) & [Sign Up Here](#)

★Weekly Update article deadline: Wednesday 9:00 AM - Send submissions to mwappes@stchbs.org.★